

'Satellite will burn before landing'

MOSCOW (R) — The fuel core of a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite will enter the earth's atmosphere in mid-February but will burn up before landing on earth and will pose no serious danger, a Soviet scientist said Saturday. The official Soviet News Agency TASS quoted academician Oleg Byelotserkovsky as saying the fuel core had separated from the main reactor of the Cosmos 1402. U.S. government officials have said the part of the Cosmos 1402 containing the reactor was in a wild orbit after going out of control and should crash-land on earth at the end of January. In what appeared to be a call for stricter safety measures, for Soviet spacecraft, Mr. Byelotserkovsky raised the possibility of sources other than nuclear energy to power satellites and pointed out that the United States used mainly radioisotope generators in space.

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Arafat, Saddam hold talks

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein held talks here Saturday with Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat on Arab and international issues, particularly the Palestine question, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said. Mr. Arafat arrived Friday from Moscow where he met Soviet leaders.

Lebanese mission holds talks with Bahrain leaders

BAHRAIN (R) — Lebanese parliamentarian Louis Abo Sharaf briefed Bahrain's President Sheikh Isa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa. Saturday on the current talks between Israel and Lebanon, the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency reported. Mr. Abu Sharaf, who arrived Friday at the head of a parliamentary mission, said he told the president that Lebanon would not compromise over its rights to sovereignty over its territory. He added that he conveyed a verbal message to Sheikh Khalifa from President Amin Gemayel. Mr. Abu Sharaf said he would leave for Muscat Sunday on his Gulf tour to explain the Lebanese position to Arab leaders.

Saudi crown prince arrives in Syria

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz arrived in Damascus Saturday for talks on the Gulf war with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, the official Saudi Press Agency monitored here said. The agency's report from Damascus said Prince Abdullah arrived from Baghdad, where he met Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Friday. It gave no other details, but Saudi Arabia has been involved in efforts to improve relations between Syria and Iraq. The previously unannounced visit follows a visit to Riyadh by Algerian Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Abdulkader Ibn Qassi. Last week he delivered a message to Iraq from Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahim.

Kuwait urged not to sign GCC security agreement

KUWAIT (R) — A leading Kuwaiti parliamentarian urged his country to abide by its decision not to sign a joint Gulf security agreement proposed at a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit last November. Ahmed Saadoun, deputy president of the Kuwaiti National Assembly, told a meeting of parliament: "Such a pact would not be useful to Kuwait." Kuwait was the only country in the GCC which also groups Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, to object to signing the pact proposed after Bahrain "said it had foiled an Iranian-backed coup attempt." Kuwait said an extradition clause, in the proposed agreement would contravene its constitution.

Salvadorean guerrillas capture key town

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Leftist guerrillas battling the U.S.-backed government of El Salvador said they had capped a string of military successes this week with the capture of a town astride a key provincial highway. Radio Venceremos, the insurgents' radio station, said guerrillas had overrun the northeastern town of Jocoaquín Friday. It said troops guarding Jocoaquín fled from their posts as the guerrillas mounted their offensive to seize the town on the only paved north-south highway in Morazan Province. The radio warned the guerrillas would launch "decisive battles" in coming days. Military sources said this raised the prospect of a rush towards the provincial capital of San Francisco Gotera, only 23 kilometres south of Jocoaquín.

Habib, Gemayel discuss forthcoming Khalde talks

BEIRUT (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, on a mission to speed up talks on a withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon, Saturday met President Amin Gemayel for the second time in two days and then headed for Israel, state radio reported.

A U.S. embassy spokesman confirmed that Mr. Habib, who arrived here Friday, was returning to Israel.

Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan said after the meeting that he hoped the envoy's trip to Israel would be "decisive in putting things in the right perspective," the radio reported.

Mr. Wazzan, who attended the meeting, said Lebanon had stressed to Mr. Habib that his country had the right to a complete troop withdrawal from its territory, but gave no further details.

The meeting was also attended by Mr. Habib's deputy, Morris Draper, U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon and Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem, Beirut Radio said.

Mr. Habib arrived in Beirut Friday on a new mission to speed up the three-week old negotiations between Lebanon, Israel and the United States which have so far achieved agreement only on a compromise agenda.

Sporadic shelling was reported between Christian and Druze militiamen in the mountains southeast of Beirut after fresh clashes broke out Friday.

The rightist Voice of Lebanon radio said a Soviet-made Grad rocket hit a house in the town of Brummana in the Christian-controlled hills east of the capital. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Mr. Habib met Foreign Minis-

ter Elie Salem and the Lebanese negotiating team Saturday to review progress in the talks, state-run Beirut Radio reported, but gave no details.

President Amin Gemayel also met Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan to discuss a meeting Friday night with Mr. Habib. Official sources said Mr. Habib gave the president a message stressing U.S. support for the withdrawal of all foreign forces.

Government sources said the Lebanese negotiators, headed by retired diplomat Antoine Fattal, were meeting throughout the weekend to prepare for Monday's meeting in Khalde, south of Beirut.

It will be the seventh session, but the first since the negotiators overcame the agenda problem by accepting a U.S.-proposed composite agenda" several topics will be discussed concurrently by subcommittees to avoid disputes over which subject should have priority.

Mr. Fattal was named to head a team which will discuss ending the state of war between the two countries, official sources said.

Another diplomat, Ibrahim Kharma, will head a team to discuss a "framework for future relations" between Lebanon and Israel while Brig. Abbas Hamdan will head the Lebanese panel in negotiations on a programme for troop withdrawals.

Sources close to the talks believe ending the state of war will be the simplest question to resolve. But the Lebanese government Friday cautioned against excessive optimism that the talks could reach a quick conclusion.

The latest sectarian fighting, which followed a full of several days, was centred on the village of Majdal Meouch, 20 kilometres from Beirut, state radio said.

Right-wing Christian militiamen and fighters from the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) have been battling sporadically in the rugged mountains since the Israeli invasion in June upset the local power balance.

Upon his arrival at Baghdad airport King Hussein was met by President Hussein and members of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council as well as senior officials and high ranking army officers and the Jordanian Ambassador to Iraq.

King Hussein was accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Coun. Minister Amer Hammash and the Armed Forces

Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

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Hussein arrives in Baghdad



His Majesty King Hussein is seen off at Amman Airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan (Petra photo)

upon the King's departure to Baghdad Saturday

Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent.

Also a Royal Decree was issued Saturday appointing Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh as Acting Prime Minister.

Israeli leftists protest against settlement policies

EFRAT, West Bank (R) — Several hundred Israeli leftists invaded this half-completed Jewish settlement Saturday to protest against the government's settlement policy on the occupied West Bank.

The demonstrators, many of them members of the Peace Now Movement, plastered the settlement with posters. They also barricaded the main road with rocks and a modernistic sculpture symbolising what settlement opponents charge is a siege mentality on the West Bank.

The posters read: "A land of peace is better than a piece of land" and "They're investing here in the destruction of peace."

The demonstration was held without official permission. The demonstrators said they came by way of side roads to avoid army troops.

Senior army officers watched the demonstration, but did not interfere with the demonstrators.

Essebsi: Reagan's proposal should not be ignored

BAHRAIN (R) — Tunisian Foreign Minister Beji Caid Essebsi said before leaving here Saturday after three-day talks that U.S. President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative of last September should not be ignored.

Mr. Essebsi told a news conference Friday that the Reagan initiative -- which calls for Palestinian self-rule in Israeli-occupied territories in association with Jordan -- "shows some progress in the American position."

Referring to current talks between Lebanon and Israel on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, the Tunisian foreign minister said:

"We support Lebanon, since there is another Arab country which was in a similar situation and through negotiations got back its lands and achieved significant gains."

He was referring to Egypt, the first Arab country to hold peace

talks with Israel.

Mr. Essebsi said an Arab League mission which has three times called off plans to visit Britain to present new Arab Middle East peace proposals could still make the visit if the reasons which led to its cancellation were removed.

The mission, which has visited Washington, Paris, Moscow and Peking, called off the visit to London because of British opposition to the inclusion of a Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) official.

Tunisia is a member of the mission, along with Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Syria. It was set up at the Arab summit conference in Fez, Morocco, last September.

The Tunisian foreign minister also discussed bilateral relations with Britain. He later arrived in Qatar to begin a two-day official visit as part of his tour of Gulf states.

Trudeau blames radicals for failure of global talks

MANILA (R) — Prospects for global negotiations between developed and developing countries were poor because the initiative had been lost through the actions of some Third World nations, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said Saturday.

The momentum generated by the heads of state conference in Cancun, Mexico, in 1981 and subsequent meetings had been lost, said Mr. Trudeau, who is in the Philippines on the sixth stop of a seven-nation tour of Asia.

"I am not very optimistic that global negotiations will begin," he told a press conference.

Mr. Trudeau, who was co-chairman of the Cancun meeting of developed and developing countries, blamed some of the

group of 77 developing countries for the failure because "some radicals in the 77 probably did not want them to succeed."

He said the effect of their actions in trying to "get satisfaction even before we began was certainly of a nature to make the attempt fail rather than proceed apiece."

He said the group of 77 had made a tactical error during an international economic conference last year in France by rejecting proposals to start discussions on global negotiations and making counter proposals which resulted in deadlock.

Mr. Trudeau did not give precise details of the counter proposals but added that progress could still be made on other issues.

Portuguese president to decide on new premier

LISBON (R) — Portugal's ruling rightwing alliance Saturday formally asked President Antonio Ramalho Eanes to appoint a 50-year-old chemistry professor prime minister of another coalition government.

Attempts to form a new government under Prof. Vitor Pereira Crespo, a political protege of outgoing Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao and a much-criticised ex-minister of education, "have severely strained the alliance of Social Democrats, Monarchists and Christian Democrats.

Saturday's request was handed to Gen. Eanes by Mr. Balsemao after the alliance parties managed to reach a last-minute agreement

on solving the four-week-old government crisis.

It is now up to the president to decide whether to allow the right-wing parties, which have ruled Portugal for the last three years, to form a new government. Gen. Eanes has the right to call general elections -- not due until 1984 -- but he has so far resisted pressures to dissolve parliament.

Mr. Balsemao himself resigned last December because of disputes in the alliance and after the coalition suffered a major setback in mid-term elections.

Prof. Crespo has had problems getting well-known figures to join his cabinet mainly because of

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The prolonged political uncertainty has put a heavy burden on the country's crippled economy.

Pope appeals to U.S., Soviets for arms reduction

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul appealed directly to the United States and the Soviet Union Saturday to achieve the maximum possible nuclear arms reductions without delay.

The concerned parties must make reciprocal efforts to go through the stages of disarmament together, trying to reach the maximum possible reductions without delay," the Polish pontiff said.

"I hope that this final objective will never be lost from view in all the disarmament negotiations at Geneva or elsewhere," he added.

The Pope was speaking in his annual address to the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican City state.

The talks in Geneva are concerned with reductions in the number of medium-range nuclear missiles. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) has said it will begin to deploy new U.S. missiles in Western Europe at the end of the year if no progress is made at the talks.

The Pope said peace depended on reciprocal dialogue and could not be achieved single-handed by any one nation.

The Pope recalled his new year peace address, in which he referred indirectly to the Geneva talks, and told the diplomats they were in the front line of efforts for world peace.

Vatican officials will meet U.S. and European bishops here next week to discuss the church's attitude to the nuclear build-up.

The American bishops have drafted a controversial pastoral letter which breaks new ground on the anti-war front and condemns several aspects of the Reagan administration's nuclear weapons policy.

The draft, which has been strongly criticised by the White House, says the principle of nuclear deterrence could be immoral.

The draft will be discussed next week and Vatican sources say the meeting could be crucial in formulating official church policy.

The Pope said in his French-language address, that war raged throughout the world and specifically mentioned Lebanon, the Iran-Iraq conflict, the Afghan guerrilla campaign, violence in Northern Ireland and conflicts in Central America.

In what Vatican sources said was apparently a reference to his native Poland, the Pope said that even apparently calm situations could mask a false peace while basic rights were denied and "dialogue between the social and political partners" was impossible.

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Jordan marks Arbor Day

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Saturday marked Arbor Day with nation-wide tree-planting celebrations.

The main celebration to mark the occasion was held at Juweideh, south of Amman, under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein.

The King himself planted a tree at a site which was prepared for the occasion and a large gathering followed suit and planted forest saplings in previously dug holes.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran had issued a communiqué calling on government employees to participate effectively in Arbor Day celebrations.

Taking part in Saturday's celebration were the prime minister, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar.

Minister of Court Amer Khamash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, cabinet members, senior officials and high-ranking army officers as well as members of the diplomatic community in Amman.

Also Saturday Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, along with other members of the royal family, planted trees at the Royal Court's gardens.

Other celebrations were held by the Armed Forces in various regions of the country. Army Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb and other high-ranking army officers attended these celebrations, during which 140,000 tree saplings were planted. Celebrations were held in Salt, Zarqa, Madaba, Jerash, Balqa, the Jordan Valley, as well as Amman governorates. Students, government employees and the private sector as well as farmers took part.



Members of the Jordanian Armed Forces Saturday take part in celebrations marking the Arbor Day (Petra photo)

Tafileh civil servants to have housing units

AMMAN (J.T.) — A local contracting company, the National Jordanian Contracting Company, will build a housing project for the Housing Corporation at Tafileh in southern Jordan, in accordance with an agreement signed by the two sides here Saturday.

Under the agreement, the company will build 78 housing units on a 7,800-square-metre area at a cost of JD 825,000. The project, to be implemented in 20 months, will benefit civil servants who work in remote regions of Jordan, according to Housing Corporation Director-General Hamdallah Al Nabulsi.

Mr. Nabulsi said that the project comprises two categories of flats. The first one will have a built-in area of 108 square metres and the second one 87 square metres, Mr. Nabulsi said. In total eight blocks will be built, each containing one, two or three flats, he said.

The flats will be allotted to employees of various government-sponsored projects in the southern part of the country, Mr. Nabulsi said.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Nabulsi on behalf of the Housing Corporation and Mr. Issam Ammari, director of the Jordanian National Contracting Company (to Mr. Nabulsi's right) Saturday sign an



Housing Corporation Director-General Hamdallah Nabulsi (third from left) and Mr. Issam Ammari, director of the Jordanian National Contracting Company (to Mr. Nabulsi's right) Saturday sign an agreement under which the company will build 78 housing units for civil servants in Tafileh (Petra photo)

5-week training course opens on family surveys

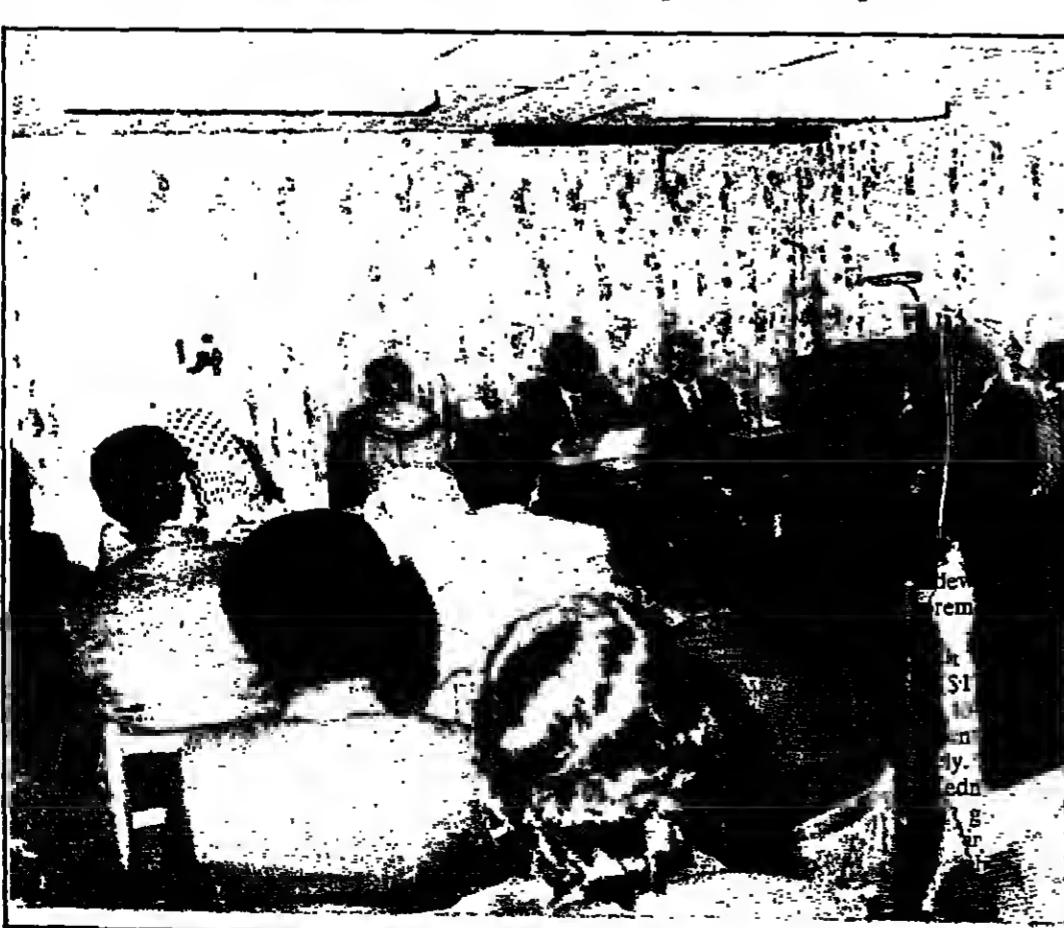
AMMAN (Petra) — Twenty-five delegates representing statistics departments in various Arab countries are participating in a training course on advanced methods of conducting family surveys, which was opened at the Department of Statistics here Saturday.

During the five-week course specialised lectures will be delivered on basic concepts of preparing statistics and planning family surveys and classifying the gathered information.

The participants will also be oriented on methods of collecting information on family income, food consumption and analysing relevant data.

Statistics Department Director-General Burhan Al Shreideh, who opened the course, said in a speech that the course will help raise the standard of performance and promote the skills of the participants and acquaint them on modern methods of conducting statistics surveys and collecting information.

The Department of Statistics has completed a comprehensive survey on manpower and families employed in agricultural projects in Jordan within the framework of a national survey programme, Dr. Shreideh said. The programme is designed to make available demographic, economic, health and social data for future development plans in Jordan, he added.



Statistics Department Director-General Burhan Shreideh (centre) Saturday opens a five-week course on advanced methods of conducting surveys on families (Petra photo)



His Majesty King Hussein Saturday plants a sapling in a celebration held at Juweideh, south of Amman, to mark Arbor Day (Petra photo)

Lebanese delegation ends visit

AMMAN (Petra) — A Lebanese parliamentary delegation, headed by Dr. Amm Al Hafez, the chairman of the Lebanese parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, left Jordan Friday at the conclusion of a short visit.

During the visit, Dr. Hafez delivered a message from Lebanese President Amin Gemayel to His Majesty King Hussein on the latest developments in Lebanon and talks aimed at securing an Israeli withdrawal from the country.

In a predeparture statement Dr. Hafez said that his meeting with King Hussein has given him renewed confidence and "a reinforced feeling of pride of the friendship that ties Jordan and Lebanon together."

He added that he has been "reassured that Lebanon is not standing alone in the face of imminent dangers," and that "Jordan could be relied on for moral and material support for the Lebanese people."

Dr. Hafez thanked Jordanian officials for the warm welcome the delegation received in Jordan and expressed appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended by the speaker and members of the National Consultative Council.

N. Yemeni minister expected Thursday

AMMAN (Petra) — North Yemen's Minister of Municipal and Housing Affairs Mohammad Hadman is expected to arrive here Thursday for a three-day visit to Jordan.

During his visit Mr. Hadman is expected to hold discussions with Jordan's Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Momani on cooperation between the two countries in public services.

The Yemeni minister will also tour a number of development projects and tourist and archaeological sites in Jordan.

Police arrest 6 criminals

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman police Saturday announced the arrest of two 18-year-old youths, who were found trying to steal a motorcycle owned by the customs authorities.

Another 18-year-old youth from Jabal Amman was caught red-handed in the act of stealing a private car, a police spokesman said Saturday.

In Karak, three people were arrested and charged for committing several thefts. The three, from Zarqa and Amman, include one said to have committed several thefts in other parts of the country.

Police said investigations are continuing.

Jordanian delegation to study oil pricing system

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation representing the Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company (JPRC) and the Jordanian government leaves Amman Sunday on a three-nation tour to study the pricing system of oil products. The delegation will visit Italy, Greece and Cyprus, JPBC President Saad Al Tal told the Jordan Times.

The five-member delegation will include two representatives of the JPBC and three of the government, and will be headed by Finance Ministry Under-Secretary Abdul Majid Asfour Al Qassem, Mr. Tal added.

Hassan condoles Japanese embassy staff

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Saturday assigned Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid to convey his condolences to the Japanese embassy staff on the death of Japan's Ambassador to Jordan, Keishi Tachibana.

Mr. Tachibana died in his home country at the age of 64 while undergoing medical treatment for chronic liver trouble. The ambassador, who was appointed to his post in Jordan in May 1982, left for Japan on Dec. 1 for medical treatment. He is survived by two sons.

The Japanese embassy here announced that it has opened a register of condolences at the ambassador's residence.

Phosphates remain major national product

AMMAN (J.T.) — A statistical bulletin issued by the Statistics Department indicates that phosphates remained at the top of national products in May 1982 though slightly less in amount than May 1981. Cement production came second followed by petrol and kerosene, according to the bulletin.

The bulletin said that Iraq was the main importer of Jordanian products in May 1982. Following Iraq in the list were Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, India, Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar respectively.

According to the bulletin, Aqaba Port witnessed a noticeable growth in activity in May 1982 in comparison with the same month of the previous year, and this was attributed to expansion of the port facilities and the increase in the number of ships docking at the harbour.

Water-pumping stations to use electricity

AMMAN (Petra) — Water-pumping stations around the country will use electric power instead of diesel or any other fuel which contributes to air pollution, according to a plan prepared by electricity companies in Jordan.

The plan, worked out in cooperation among the Water Supply Corporation (WSC), the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) and various municipalities, will be implemented soon, WSC Director-General Yassin Al Kayed said Saturday.



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China Spring: A voice for China's democracy movement in North America

By Michael Wise
Reuter

NEW YORK — Forced underground at home, China's struggling democracy movement has found a voice in North America with the publication of China Spring, a magazine edited by Chinese students living overseas.

The magazine's editor, a doctoral student in economics who uses the pseudonym of Huang Li, said China Spring aims to promote the "struggle for democracy, political freedom, human rights and rule of law."

Edited by six Chinese students

in the United States and Canada with the help of six people in China itself, the New York-based magazine proved a great success in Chinese communities in North America when it was first published last November.

Mr. Huang, who emphasised that similar publications have been banned in China, said that all 6,500 issues of the inaugural issue sold out and that a new edition was being planned for Hong Kong.

"It is very difficult, if not impossible, in China to say whatever people would like to say," Mr. Huang said, adding that he and the other editors hope to

stimulate dialogue at home by reaching mainland Chinese students who are now abroad.

Over 10,000 Chinese students have come to the United States and 700 to Canada since 1949 when the Peking government began promoting foreign study as part of a programme of economic and technical modernisation.

"We don't expect them to get involved with China Spring," Mr. Huang said of his fellow students, but "after they go back they will bring something back."

Professor Andrew Nathan of Columbia University's East

Asian institute said that many Chinese studying abroad "support the sentiments that have been expressed by the magazine even though they may be afraid to come out and put their name on the masthead."

Both Dr. Nathan and Mr. Huang spoke of the "crisis of belief" experienced by Chinese intellectuals after the brief period of liberalisation that followed the death of Mao in 1976 and saw numerous small democratic magazines flourish and then disappear.

Articles in the 35-page inaugural issue, written in Chinese

with an English-language index, include a history of the democratic movement and an analysis of current Chinese economic policy.

While political beliefs vary somewhat among China Spring's editorial board members, Mr. Huang said they all agreed that the economic system in China is not socialism but some kind of bureaucratic, monopolistic system.

He stressed the need for a decentralised economy, increased self-management, reliance on the free market as well as a judicial system independent of Communist Party control.

But Mr. Huang was adamant about the publication's independence from nationalistic-controlled Taiwan. "It seems to us that Taiwan also has its own problems. It's not a democratic system in Taiwan."

After receiving 2,000 letters of support and contributions amounting to several thousand dollars since the November issue, the editors appear vindicated in their belief that the democracy movement, though suppressed at home, is by no means dead.

Mr. Huang said that 20,000 copies of the next issue would be printed in Hong Kong ready for

sale in advance of the Chinese new year on Feb. 13 when many Hong Kong residents travel to the Chinese mainland to visit family and friends.

"Some people have asked to take 200 copies to friends inside China," he said.

China Spring's next North American issue, which is to include a scholarly article in English on the Chinese economy, is scheduled for publication in New York in late January. Subsequent issues will appear bi-monthly, Mr. Huang said.

Because he hopes to return to

China after completing doctoral work at a prestige American university, Mr. Huang does not use his own name in connection with China Spring.

Fellow editor Wang Bingzhang, who announced the debut of the magazine at a press conference last November without using a pseudonym, now feels obliged to remain in the United States.

But emphasising that he and the other board members abroad remain committed to returning eventually to China, Mr. Huang said: "We want to go back. Only if we go back can we not just a voice outside."

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This is what faith brings

THE AGREEMENT by Lebanese, Israeli and American negotiators on the agenda for the talks taking place in Lebanon and Israel on the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese troops from Lebanon evoked unpleasant memories of similar tripartite negotiations that took place for several years recently among Israel, Egypt and the United States. In those talks, the Americans consistently injected their own ideas into the discussions when things appeared to be stalled, and more often than not an agreement was reached, culminating in the Camp David accords and subsequent discussions. In fact, the result nearly always turned out to be closer to what Israel wanted than to what the Egyptians or the Americans wanted. The final result of the negotiations with Egypt was very much to Israel's liking — as we have seen since in the West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon.

A similar situation appears to be developing now in the talks on Lebanon. The American proposal that has been accepted this week provides for an agenda that discusses several issues simultaneously. Included in the agenda, along with the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, is the question of "mutual relations", the make-believe term the Americans

provided to replace the Israeli concept of normalisation of ties between Israel and Lebanon. Mutual relations will include commercial ties, communications and an end to hostile propaganda. Sounds like normalisation to us, no matter what words are used to describe it.

In other words, the signs are that Israel is slowly but surely translating its military adventure in Lebanon into practical political gains — or, if you remember as far back as the autumn of 1982, a very long time ago in the memory of American politicians, precisely the thing that we were told the United States government did not want to see happen. But it is happening, and with the active participation and usual linguistic flare of the highest echelons of the United States government. What Israeli troops started with American arms and money and acquiescence, Israeli negotiators are concluding with American words, cajoling and active participation.

This may not be the time to raise such matters, but would someone please explain to us how we are supposed to fit this nice little hit of political double-dealing into the balmy first weeks of 1983, the year in which we are supposed to have faith in America?

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: U.S. attempt at regaining credibility

It seems that the U.S. administration is trying to regain its credibility in the Middle East, regarding an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, and pave the way for a total withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from the country.

President Reagan's envoy Philip Habib has made a good effort to play a way out of the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations' deadlock on agenda, by proposing Feb. 11 as a starting date for an Israeli withdrawal. U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's recent statement to the effect that a delay of Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon poses a threat to U.S. interests and obstructs progress in the peace process in the region, is another evidence of U.S. concern for regaining its credibility.

Nevertheless, mere attempts to prove credibility are not sufficient; it is the ends that decide the significance of good beginnings. Besides, the issue goes far beyond the Lebanese crisis, into U.S. ability to pressure the Israelis into suspending their

Al Dostour: Just to celebrate Arbor Day is not enough

Jordan Saturday celebrates Arbor Day, and regardless of our annual ceremonies on the occasion, and despite the fact that many years have passed since we first marked it, it is imperative to admit that one look at our cities and villages is enough to testify to a sorrowful fact that we do not actually serve the tree as it deserves, and never pause to contemplate the aesthetic and economic value of the tree.

Our homeland was once evergreened with forests and woods. Not only did that contribute to the beautification of our country, but also exceed that to the fact that the tree was a inexpensive investment of great benefit. The problem we are facing now is that even first-hand communications and affection lacks between our citizen and a tree.

This sums up to underestimating the creeping desert's huge concrete structures' effect on the nature of our lands and even the negative impact such a phenomenon has on the weather. Roads are

being constructed all the time, and green areas become scarcer and scarcer.

Lots of codes and regulations are laid down to organise countryside outings and protect trees, but nevertheless, the question is dealt with so indifferently that littering and casual fires, not to mention intentional assault on trees threaten even the remainder of forest wealth in the country.

It is not easy to enumerate the reasons behind such an attitude towards this aspect of our national wealth, but economic, educational and psychological ones are definitely in the background.

We believe that celebrating Arbor Day is not sufficient to make up for the loss we are suffering. A serious study of the issue should be made at a national level, and a more thorough outlook on ways and means for protecting and properly serving the nature should be sought.

How to deal with radical priests

By Joel Palacios
Reuter

MANILA — Leaders of the Philippine government and the Roman Catholic church have so far failed to reach agreement on how to deal with radical priests accused by the military of involvement with outlawed Communist rebels. In an unusual effort at cooperation, the sides have held two round of talks on the issue, brought to a head by a series of raids and arrests, and will meet again next month.

The Philippines has become an important stage for a growing confrontation around the world between governments and activist priests. One Philippine priest alleged to have joined the Communist New Peoples Army (NPA) was killed and at least two were arrested in recent months. The military has put prices on the heads of several more.

Although President Ferdinand Marcos has denied that relations with the church are strained, church officials have complained of human rights violations while the government has questioned the political dimensions of the church's social programmes.

The government's case was boosted when an arrested priest, Father Edgardo Kangleon, confessed publicly that he has joined the Communists in the central island of Samar while continuing to run a church social action centre there. The controversy went to the

conference table last month as two bishops in their white robes and red skull caps met Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and some army generals at a sports club in a Manila suburb.

They drew up guidelines to serve as the basis for a working relationship between church and state on military action against radical priests and the military's right to make a list of such priests. Suggestions on how to strengthen cooperation between the church and the military at the local level will be discussed at next month's meeting. But the talks have proved inconclusive on deeper issues, in particular on the cause of social unrest and on what the military considers as subversive.

Poverty

The Catholic bishops' conference of the Philippines said the government should look into the causes of social unrest rather than merely react to manifestations of dissent. "Poverty, socio-economic-political ills, graft and corruption, military abuses, are in the minds of many, among the most obvious root causes," the bishops said in a statement presented to the military at the last meeting. They said that the government should understand that the church's mission in society is to stand squarely against injustice and oppression.

The bishops also said they were aware of government efforts to

correct military abuses, but they added, "... still we hear persistent reports of abusive soldiers going unpunished." The military men told the bishops that the church's mission must be circumscribed by law. As a general principle, they said, temporal affairs should be left to the government and spiritual affairs to the church. "We adhere to the thinking that it is equally reprehensible for the church to dabble in matters of states as it is for government to dabble in the affairs of the church," a Defence Ministry statement said.

The defence ministry could not speak on behalf of the government on the causes of social unrest but would welcome suggestions from the bishops regarding alleged military abuses, the statement said. Defence Minister Enrile said the church should take action against priests engaged in political activities in the same manner that it asked the government to purify its ranks. Mr. Enrile said the Catholic bishops should define their stand on Communism and "... meet out the necessary ecclesiastical sanctions against those in the clergy who have used violence in the pursuit of their ends."

The Roman Catholic faith, first brought by the Spaniards to the Philippines more than 400 years ago, is the country's dominant religion. There are more than 7,000 parish priests in the country and at least 200 graduate from seminaries every year.

COME TO THINK OF IT..

By Ibrahim Abu Nab

Bill's remarks

Ibrahim Abu Nab is a veteran Jordanian writer, broadcaster and film maker. He is a daily columnist with Al Ra'i newspaper. He is described by some as "Jack of all trades, master of all". In this weekly column "Come to think of it," he said he would like to practise one of his many trades: Satire. Come to think of it, it might be just as well.

I keep remembering Bill's remarks. The oil weapon, he said, was now something of the past! Not that I care about the oil weapon, or any other weapon for that matter, but because he said it in such an offhanded way it makes you feel you were stupid not to have known or at least out of touch.

Bill is, as you might have guessed, none other but Dr. William Quandt, the celebrated American expert on us, i.e. the Middle East. I call him Bill, not because we grew up together in the same neighbourhood, which we didn't, not out of unwarranted familiarity, but because everybody else calls him by the first name and he seems to like it. He is, to be sure, quite affable and easy to reach. He shows none of the aura of power which surrounds his former

post as a national security adviser on the Middle East or present position as a senior research fellow with the Brookings Institute. His ordinary business suit makes you feel as if you were listening to an ordinary businessman rather than a man of his eminence. That is why a journalist should raise the level of his awareness when listening to him. I did, and that is why perhaps his remarks, particularly about the oil weapon, refuse to be blotted out of my mind.

As we were going to Bill's press conference in Amman towards the end of last month, a colleague of mine asked me: "Why is he calling a press conference anyway?" "I don't know," I said. "you had better ask him. As for me, I like press conference and would go to anyone of them at the drop of a hat. Maybe because we don't

see many press conferences in this part of the world."

"I think," my friend mused, "press conferences are a good invention of democratic society." "Yes," said I, "they are good for the spirit. They give you the illusion of participation."

But after Bill's press conference, my colleague turned to me and said: "Do you still feel good after having heard what you heard about the loss of the oil weapon?" "Press conferences are good anyway," I said to my friend, "because sometimes they give you a needed dose of gloom to protect you against euphoria." "Did he make you feel gloomy?" my friend asked. "Not at all," I replied trying to put up a good face on it, "and if he did, it wouldn't be the first time." "When was the last time?" he asked. "Well, in Camp David for instance when he, as one of its architects and promoters, waxed lyrical about it in his own characteristically unlyrical way, and I couldn't tell whether he was for us or against us."

"How was that?" Well, I

remember him describing Camp David as an open-ended tunnel. "That must have been an honest to God warning, wasn't it?" "Yes, but the next thing he was saying was that the Arabs should enter it without so much as asking where it would lead to," I said.

"But we've just heard him saying that they, the Americans, hadn't known that Camp David would be so misused by the Israelis." "And that also bothers me, because it makes you feel that what they are telling you might turn out to be wrong thing a few years later."

Coming back to the rusty old oil weapon, another friend of mine who is a political economist tells me that he disagrees with Bill Quandt completely. "Once a weapon always a weapon," he said. "Food, for instance, which had been brandished as a weapon by Henry Kissinger has remained a weapon even when it is given away in alms."

I laughed. "Why do you laugh?" he asked. "At the thought of having a nice weapon for a breakfast!" I said.

"But how," I asked, "is the oil still a weapon in spite of the glut and the price wars?" "Oil prices can still influence if not determine the global rate of inflation."

"So what?" I asked. "If President Reagan is to be re-elected, he must maintain a flat rate of inflation while trying to make an economic recovery." "That is economics!" That is also mathematics and politics. Yes, what then?"

"The Americans probably want the Arabs to think less and less of their oil so that it would be possible for them to sell it at the cheap." "But Iran said that it will be using its oil as a weapon. Another friend of mine who is a political economist tells me that he disagrees with Bill Quandt completely. "Once a weapon always a weapon," he said. "Food, for instance, which had been brandished as a weapon by Henry Kissinger has remained a weapon even when it is given away in alms."

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Turbulence between Vatican and East bloc

By Roger Cohen
Reuter

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican's relations with Eastern Europe are going through a period of turbulence which could have a crucial bearing on Pope John Paul's planned visit to his native Poland in June.

In the past month the Pope has appointed the Soviet Union's first resident cardinal, Moscow has launched a fierce attack on the Pontiff, and a Bulgarian has complained seven weeks to custody for allegedly playing a role in the shooting of the Pope in May 1981.

Vatican officials say these developments have left the Holy See's ties with the East bloc countries in a state of delicate flux and say his Polish visit could be threatened.

The unprecedented attack on the Pope from the Soviet Union should be seen as a warning to the Pontiff over his visit," said one senior Vatican official, who declined to be named.

The Soviets have demonstrated great concern for promoting the chances of peace in the region. They create obstacles which are not easy to surmount, and new facts that make a just and durable settlement unattainable;

He believed the warning could become a firm threat if accusations against Bulgaria, and implicitly the Soviet Union, over the papal shooting led to formal charges.

Just over a month after Italian police arrested Bulgarian airline

official Sergei Antonov on Nov. 25, Moscow published a strikingly sharp attack on the Vatican, accusing it of subversive activity in Eastern Europe and the Pope of being rigidly anti-Communist.

The Soviet anger contrasts vividly with continuing signs of a more tolerant attitude towards the estimated two to three million practising Catholics in the Soviet Union, most of them in the Western Ukraine, Lithuania and Latvia.

Although the Soviet Union had made three other statements critical of the Vatican during 1982, this one was markedly more hostile and explicit.

The Vatican, which had ignored other criticism, showed the greater importance it attached to this attack by issuing a statement saying it clearly contradicted world opinion.

Vatican sources said the Soviet statement appeared to reflect nervousness under the new leadership of Yuri Andropov over the Pope's role and particularly the potential influence of his visit to Poland, as well as anger over the treatment of Mr. Antonov.

Moscow has vigorously condemned Mr. Antonov's arrest, which was followed by the issue of arrest warrants for two other Bulgarians. The Vatican has made no comment, although the Vatican is known to have harboured suspected plotters of a Soviet-inspired plot ever since the shooting on May 13, 1981.

The lack of any public reaction in the Soviet Union to the elevation to cardinal this month of Larvian Catholic leader Juliani Vaivods illustrated and confirmed this trend, Vatican officials say.

Bishop Vaivods, 87, who is due to be ordained as cardinal in Rome on Feb. 2, will be the first resident cardinal in the Soviet Union since the 1917 revolution.

His appointment follows agreement last year from Moscow for the nomination of two new Lithuanian bishops, something which the Vatican had demanded for years. The republic's first new Catholic church since the war was also consecrated last year.

But the Vatican officials said the Holy See did not believe this new leniency indicated any fundamental change in traditional Soviet ideological hostility to the church.

They said there was concern in the Vatican that Bishop Vaivods' appointment and that of the two bishops might be used to make political capital if Soviet pressure were to force a second postponement of the Pope's Polish visit, due to begin on June 18.

The presence of a cardinal may be welcome to the Kremlin, the senior official said. "It can then point to what it has allowed and say this illustrates the absence of any anti-papal or anti-Vatican bias."

The Pope has already called off one visit to Poland, which was due to take place in August last year, after he was given to understand by former Polish Prime Minister Jozef Cyrk that the visit would not be opportune.

He is known to attach particular importance to returning to his homeland this year. The visit was agreed to by Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski only after difficult negotiations with Polish Primate Jozef Glemp.

But Vatican officials said the detention of Mr. Antonov had clearly added to the constant danger of a postponement posed by the unpredictable situation in

LETTERS

Are the police unable or only unwilling?

To the editor:

Two days ago as I came out of our local grocery store in Shmeisani, a car skidded around the corner at an incredible speed and nearly hit a young boy crossing in front of Jahri. This incident prompted me to attempt, for the third time, to bring to the authorities' attention, what I consider the most serious threat — happening in our city streets.

This past week we have all been touched by the tragic, unnecessary death of a young man due to unlawful, reckless driving. We, the public, are aware of this recklessness which occurs on our streets daily, and some of us have tried our best to protest. I, besides writing to the Jordan Times, have not only phoned the police, but have taken the drastic measure of going to the police station itself, as has my husband. Despite our concern, the degree of dangerous driving has not decreased. If anything, there is an increase.

Some questions remain unanswered: Are the police unable, or unwilling to do something about this problem? Would the safety of the public be better served if there was more policing of residential streets and perhaps not so many hidden radar stops on out-of-city streets. Could there not be some kind of constant patrolling to places where daily violations occur?

For me, the most tragic thing about this situation is the role of the parents of the offenders. I feel there is something sick in a segment of our society when the parents will not only allow their underage children to learn how to drive, but they will supply them with the family (or their own) car. It is then their fault and their responsibility when an accident or unlawful driving occurs. They, along with their child should be held responsible and punished accordingly. I would suggest that if the names of offending children's parents would be published in our newspapers, we might see a decrease in this terrible problem.

I remember Amman in the days when the setting sun signalled the uniting of the family in their homes. There were a lot fewer drivers then and peace reigned on our streets. It is not necessary to go back 20 years to have peace and safety — with new, strict measures, taken by our citizens and police, we can once more bring Amman back to those peaceful days.

I would very much like to have our chief of police reply to my letter and to please give us some hope that there will be new, realistic steps taken to remedy this unhappy situation.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Asfour



SPORTS

Ireland beats Scotland in Rugby Union Match

EDINBURGH (R) — Ireland signalled their intention not to relinquish the five nations' Rugby Union championship title without a fight here Saturday when they beat Scotland 15-13 in their opening match.

Stand off Ollie Campbell, who scored a record 46 points in Ireland's triple-crown victory last year, was again the inspiration.

Campbell grabbed 11 of Ireland's points, kicking three penalties and converting Mike Kiernan's first half try as the Irish swept into a 15-4 halftime lead.

Scotland, who had temporarily taken the lead when new skipper Roy Laidlaw scored a try after 22 minutes, battled with the wind at their backs in the second half in a bid to save the match.

They searched desperately for a match-winning score in the dying minutes after two penalties from full back Peter Dods and a drop goal from Jim Renwick had brought them within two points of the Irish.

Scotland, who have not won the championship outright for 45 years, launched their latest campaign by opening a new £3 million (£4.740,000) stand at Murrayfield before the match.

But their celebrations were marred after only 15 minutes when Campbell slotted over his first penalty to put the Irish ahead.

Laidlaw crashed over on the blind side after a five-metre scrum to give the Scots a one-point lead after 22 minutes. But Campbell, who scored all Ireland's points in the 21-12 win over the Scots last season, struck again within three minutes to push his side 6-4 ahead with his second penalty.

Four minutes before the interval Irish centre Kiernan put his side 10-4 up when he raced onto Moss Finn's kick and beat Dods to the touch to grab Ireland's only try.

Campbell converted and struck his third penalty with the last kick of the half to take his personal points tally to 155 in 17 internationals—51 of them in the last four matches against the Scots.

The Scots wasted no time in cutting back the Irish lead after the restart, centre Jim Renwick dropping a goal after 50 minutes, and Dods landing two penalties in three minutes shortly after.

But the Irish defended what remained of their lead defiantly in the dying minutes, as Reowick and stand off Roo Wilson failed with dropped goal attempts and Dods sent a 60-metre penalty just wide.

Teams: Scotland—Peter Dods; Keith Robertson, Jim Renwick, David Johnston, Gordon Baird; Ron Wilson, Roy Laidlaw (captain); Gerry McGuiness, Colin Deans, Ian Milne, William Cuthbertson, Alan Tomes, Jim Calder, Iain Paxton, David Leslie.

Ireland—Hugo MacNeill; Trevor Ringland, Michael Kiernan, David Irwin, Moss Finn; Ollie Campbell, Robbie McGrath; Gerry McLaughlin, Ciaran FitzGerald (captain), Phil Orr, Donal Lenihan, Moss Kcane, John O'Driscoll, Willie Duggao, Fergus Slattery.

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Gower's record-breaking 158 leads England to win against N.Zealand

BRISBANE (R) — David Gower lashed his second consecutive world series cup century against New Zealand, a record-breaking 158, to set up a timely victory in the one-day triangular cricket tournament here Saturday.

England won by 54 runs for a morale-boosting first success after being beaten by Australia and New Zealand in their opening matches earlier this week.

Gower, who hit 122 in the previous game in Melbourne, was in even more dominant form here by making his runs out of England's 267 for six in their quota of 50 overs.

New Zealand's spirited victory bid was undermined by off spinner Vic Marks, who took three for 30 in his 10 overs, and they were all out at 213 in 48.2 overs.

Vice-captain Gower beat the previous highest score in the cup—153 by Viv Richards for West Indies against Australia in the competition's inaugural 1979-80 season.

Gower faced 118 balls in a characteristically elegant effort which included four sixes, three off fast bowler Richard Hadlee, and 18 fours.

Gower lifted the tempo immediately he came in after the loss of Ian Gould, who was given his cup debut instead of specialist wicketkeeper Bob Taylor to strengthen the batting.

But Gould went for 15 out of an opening stand of 26 with Chris Tavaré after England made a slow start when they were put in by Geoff Howarth.

Gower and Tavaré put on 63 before three wickets tumbled for a further 27, including Allan Lamb

and all-rounder Ian Botham both cheaply to Hadlee.

Gower and Derek Randall tilted the balance by putting on 113 for the fifth wicket in better than ever time before Randall was run out for 34 after a mix-up with his partner.

England finished with a flourish as Gower and Trevor Jesty plundered 38 from the last four overs, with Jesty contributing just four singles.

New Zealand were again given a useful start by John Wright and Bruce Edgar, whose stand of 43 followed opening partnerships of 84 against Australia and 87 in the previous game against England.

Wright went first for 30 but Edgar, top scorer with 40, helped to sustain a deceptively good start in which New Zealand reached 100 for two at one stage.

But Marks checked their progress by snapping up Howarth for 13, Lance Cairns for 12 and Jeremy Coney for 13 in a tidy spell as the New Zealanders slumped to 150 for eight.

Hadlee (21) and Gary Troup (39) put on 63, including the first 50 in 36 minutes, in a bold but unavailing attempt to wrest the initiative.

But Bob Willis returned and quickly sent back both batsmen to complete England's convincing win.

The three teams each play 10 qualifying matches, with the top two going through to a best-of-three final.

The series continues here Sunday when Australia, who have won their first two games, play England.

Mancini-Feeney bout in doubt

MINEOLA, New York (R) — Next month's non-title fight between World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion Ray Mancini and Britain's George Feeney has been put in doubt after a fight promoter obtained a temporary restraining order in the state supreme court here.

Jeff Levine, president of round one productions, obtained the order Friday, claiming that he had an exclusive promotional contract with Mancini.

Judge Vincent Belletta is

expected to decide whether to issue a permanent injunction at a hearing next Tuesday.

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GCC oil ministers discuss situation on world oil markets

BAHRAIN (R) — Oil ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) discussed developments on the Saturday world oil market, where oversupply is forcing prices down.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba declined to say what had been decided at this morning's closed session, adding that the market problem was the concern of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

There has been widespread speculation in oil industry circles that the cooperation council, made up of Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, which between them produce about a quarter of the non-Communist world's oil, will be forced to cut prices.

But Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani told Reuters Saturday: "We will not, we will never decide on reducing the price of (OPEC) oil in a conference like

this here."

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(MEES), which often reflects Saudi oil policy, said Saturday the main motivation behind this lack of decision on a price cut was extreme Saudi reluctance to initiate and reduce in oil prices.

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WORLD

Moderates dominate outcome of Non-aligned meeting in Nicaragua

MANAGUA (R) — Non-Aligned Third World ministers Saturday indirectly criticised the United States for its role in Central America after hours of wrangling between moderates and hardliners over a final communiqué.

Though anti-American in tone, the communiqué was described by most delegates as relatively mild and fell short of the outright condemnation of alleged American interference in Latin America demanded by the hardliners, led by Cuba and Nicaragua.

The communiqué issued at the end of the three-day extraordinary ministerial conference of Non-Aligned countries, criticised the United States for its alleged role in efforts to destabilise Nicaragua and also blamed "imperialist intervention" for a deterioration in the situation in El Salvador.

It urged the U.S. government to take a constructive stand to contribute to a peaceful solution to the Salvadorean problem.

The conference was convened specifically to evaluate the situation in Latin America and the Caribbean in the light of charges by Cuba and Nicaragua that the U.S. was to blame for most of the region's economic and political problems.

The conference, held ahead of the Non-Aligned summit in New Delhi in March, was to have ended Friday night but delegates argued well into Saturday as they tried to bridge the split between the moderate and hardline camps which had marked the entire three days.

Italians plan confrontation between Pope's assailant, extradited Turk

ROME (R) — Magistrates investigating an alleged international plot to kill Pope John Paul II plan a confrontation between convicted gunman Mehmet Ali Agca and a fellow-Turk extradited from West Germany, judicial sources said.

Agca, who is serving a life sentence for shooting and wounding the Pope in May 1981, has named Mustafa Celebi as one of the plotters.

Mr. Celebi was taken directly to Rome police headquarters after arriving amid heavy security from West Germany Friday, but he will not face questioning until Monday.

Investigating magistrate Ilario Martella, who has arrested a third Turkish suspect and a Bul-

garian airline official, is keen to test Agca's version of events in the presence of Mr. Celebi, the sources said.

According to reports carried by the Italian media, Agca has said Mr. Celebi introduced him to Turkish arms dealer Bekir Celik who in turn brought Bulgarian agents into the plot.

Bulgarian authorities have placed Mr. Celik under house arrest in Sofia but deny any of their citizens took part in the St. Peter's square assassination attempt.

Mr. Celebi's evidence is considered vital to the fate of Bulgarian Sergei Antonov, detained here since last November on suspicion of collusion but said by his Italian lawyers to have a perfect

Charles, Diana hounded again by the press

LONDON (R) — Queen Elizabeth's press secretary has appealed to British newspaper editors to stop harassing Prince Charles and Princess Diana, who are in Liechtenstein on a skiing holiday.

From his Buckingham Palace office in London, Michael Shearman, 40 to 50 reporters and cameramen about 20 of them British, were ruining the royal couple's stay with the prince and princess of Liechtenstein.

"There has been a considerable degree of harassment," he said Friday night. "The time has come once again for Fleet Street editors to consider where the line should be drawn between legitimate interest and intrusion."

His plea followed front-page stories in popular newspapers which said Princess Diana had lost her temper and sulked when confronted by photographers on the ski slopes.

The mass-circulation Sun newspaper said Friday that Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, had urged his wife at one point to stop hiding and that cameramen had accused her of acting like a spoiled child.

Chinese weekly admits offending Muslim minority

PEKING (R) — An official Chinese newspaper has admitted causing grave offence to the country's Muslim minority by referring to their food taboos as a "fetish".

The Shanghai weekly Youth News, which has a national circulation, acknowledged that the article constituted "a serious error." It hurt Muslim religious feelings, was not beneficial to national unity and had a very bad influence, the paper added.

The paper gave few details of the article, which appeared on Dec. 31. It apparently discussed the Islamic ban on eating pork which is strictly adhered to by Chinese Muslims.

Most Chinese cities have a fairly large Muslim population, often with mosques as well as restaurants which observe Islamic dietary rules.

4 rebels executed in Maputo

MAPUTO (R) — Four self-confessed Mozambican rebels have been executed by firing squad before an approving crowd of 2,000 people, including two senior government ministers, the state radio reported Friday night.

It said the four, executed on Tuesday, had admitted taking part in attacks by the Mozambique National Resistance (RNM), which President Samora Machel's Marxist government says is sponsored by South Africa.

The radio said the public meeting at the town of Macia, 120 kilometres north of Maputo, was addressed by Foreign Minister Joaquim Chissano and Deputy Defence Minister Sebastiao Mabote.

Lt. Gen. Mabote, asked the crowd what should be done with the four, who had confessed to raids in the surrounding province of Gaza.

"Kill them," came the reply, the radio said.

Under the new solution, the United States' opening proposal at Geneva, NATO would drop plans to install new U.S. missiles in Western Europe if Moscow scrapped all its "Eurostrategic" rockets.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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East-West vulnerable. North deals.

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The time to start thinking about overtricks is after you have assured your contract.

A favorable lead distracted South from this main goal, with disastrous results.

The bidding is a textbook example of simplicity and directness. South bid what he expected to make, and North had nothing to add to his opening call.

West led the king of clubs, and declarer was delighted that the defenders had not picked up their two heart tricks at the opening gun. With visions of collecting all thirteen tricks, declarer took the ace of clubs and led a

spade to his king. West's failure to follow suit was something of a blow, but created no great concern at the moment. Declarer crossed to dummy with the queen of diamonds, took a trump finesse and cashed the ace.

Leaving the queen of trumps in East's hand, declarer now tried to get to the table with a diamond. East ruffed and shifted to a heart, and the defenders took three heart tricks for down one.

"Terrific unluckily," muttered South. "Not only did trumps break 4-0, but diamonds were 4-1."

Had declarer realized that he could afford to lose two heart tricks and a trump, he might have found the successful line. After winning the opening lead, declarer should immediately lead a trump to his ten. If West wins, the defenders can take two heart tricks but dummy's last trump controls the third round of the suit. Any other play by the defenders allows declarer to draw the last trumps with the ace-king and then get at least one heart discard on the diamonds. As the cards lie, West shows out on the first trump and it is a simple matter to get back to dummy with a diamond to repeat the trump finesse.

Declarer's virtuoso technique is thus rewarded with an overtrick—seven spades, three diamonds and the ace of clubs.

Western intelligence services shadow East bloc trucks suspected of spying

By Charles Lambeth
Reuter

BRUSSELS — Western security services are keeping a close watch on East European lorry drivers who they suspect of spying, while on trips to NATO's European member countries.

They are investigating the apparent use of Soviet and other Warsaw Pact trucks for information gathering and more particularly for systematically updating surveys of the road network, officials involved in the car and mouse exercise said.

Soviet drivers had been noted probing the depth of rivers and security services were also checking reports that some of the drivers were Red Army tank officers taking the opportunity to become familiar with NATO roads, they said.

Suspicion that spies-in-the-cab were at work arose when Dutch officials discovered that some Soviet trucks were taking up to four days to travel the few hundred kilometres between the West German border and the port of Rotterdam.

It was also found suspicious that the listed cargo was frequently something uneconomical for long-distance road transport, such as peat, the sources said.

In non-NATO Western countries such as Austria and Sweden Soviet lorries have been suspected of carrying electronic devices to listen to official telecommunications.

A few Soviet lorries happened to stop for hours near the spot where Swedish forces were chasing an unidentified submarine in Sweden's coastal waters in October 1982. Western counter-intelligence officers said.

Soviet embassy officials or con-

RAF crew gets light sentence

WILDERNATH, West Germany (R) — The two-man crew of a Royal Air Force (RAF) Phantom fighter which shot down another British plane in an exercise were sentenced to be severely reprimanded at a court martial here Saturday.

The Phantom pilot, Flt. Lt. Roy Lawrence, 35, and the navigator, Flt. Lt. Alistair Inverarity, 38, both pleaded not guilty to negligence.

Flt. Lt. Lawrence admitted at the week-long hearing that he had forgotten he was carrying live missiles when he intercepted an RAF Jaguar over Wesel, West Germany, on May 25 last year.

The president of the court martial, Gp. Capt. Don Oakden, told the two men that as they had already spent 13 days under close arrest after the incident they would be severely reprimanded.

The men faced maximum two-year jail sentences. A severe reprimand is one of the lightest punishments they could have received.

It means they will be able to resume flying but will have a black mark on their service records for the rest of their careers.

Flt. Lt. Lawrence read a short statement to the court this morning. "I wish to make it clear that we both deeply and sincerely regret and repeat our sorrow for the serious consequences of this incident in respect of the loss of the Jaguar and the risk to (its pilot) Flt. Lt. Griggs," the statement said.

Flt. Lt. Stephen Griggs baled out safely after a heat-seeking Sidewinder missile fired by the Phantom shot off the tail of his Jaguar.

The Phantom crew had argued that safety procedures devised to prevent missiles being fired accidentally and to remind the pilot he was armed had all failed on the day of the incident.

They said everything had been left to Flt. Lt. Lawrence's memory although it was the first time in 16 years of flying that he had carried live missiles.

Flt. Lt. Inverarity gave no evidence at the hearing.

The prosecutor, Gp. Capt. Christopher Eadie, said that even though the external safety precautions had failed, the pilot should have made sure he had some way of remembering the plane was armed.

M.A.S.H. stood for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, and like other hospitals, this one grew into an institution. It began 11 years ago and was seen on four continents — Australia, South America and Europe as well as North America.

But the producers finally felt that the show had run its course. The final two-hour episode, taped Friday night, will be shown late next month.

"Endings are very sad. And this

U.S. Democrats open '84 election campaign

SACRAMENTO, California (R)

The Democrats formally opened their 1984 presidential election campaign Saturday, 22 months before the vote, with a barrage of parties, cocktail receptions, press conferences — and a political controversy.

California Sen. Alan Cranston, one of seven possible presidential candidates attending the campaign's first Democratic Party state convention, upset party leaders Friday night by calling for the convention to take a popularity poll of the contenders.

California Sen. Alan Cranston, seeking recognition as California's first choice, said he believed he would win a poll at the convention of more than 2,000 delegates of the California party.

"I think I could win the poll and I believe former Vice President Walter Mondale would come in second," he told a press conference.

The delegates were expected to decide later Saturday whether to hold such a poll, but party leaders and many officials believed a vote would be meaningless and divisive to the party with the actual election still so far away.

Possible candidates who would be included in a popularity poll, along with Sen. Cranston and Mr. Mondale, would be senators Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Gary Hart of Colorado, John Glenn of Ohio and Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, and Congressman Morris Udall of Arizona.

At stake in California is the biggest bloc of votes — 345 deleg-

ates — to the Democratic presidential convention next year.

Charles Manatt, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, told a press conference Friday night he hoped the convention would not take a vote.

"I believe such a poll would show the people of California are very fond of Alan, but it would not say anything against Sen. Hart or the others."

Nancy Pelosi, chairman of the state party, said she thought it was too early in the campaign to hold a popularity poll.

But Sen. Cranston, 68, assistant Democratic leader in the Senate, has waged a strong campaign to woo the convention delegates in preparation for a poll. "My biggest problem is name recognition," he said.

Mr. Mondale, asked how he felt about such a poll, replied briefly: "I don't care. I don't mind either way."

With Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts having said that he will not be a presidential candidate in 1984, Mr. Mondale is generally considered the man to beat at present in the campaign and he would have most to lose in a vote at the convention.

While Democratic leaders stressed party unity, delegates prepared for a round of meetings and parties.

Mr. Mondale and Sen. Cranston both stressed at their press conferences Friday night that their main political opponent was President Reagan, not each other.

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. to send fresh troops to Sinai

WASHINGTON (R) — A fresh contingent of 1,150 U.S. troops will join the multinational peacekeeping force in the Sinai next month, the Pentagon said. The fresh troops, chiefly from units of the 82nd Airborne Division, will replace members of the 101st Airborne Division who will return after a six months assignment to the Middle East. The new group will also be assigned to the Sinai force for six months.

Beer causes panic in New York City

NEW YORK (R) — Several hundred people were evacuated from New York City police headquarters Friday because someone thought a pack of beer looked suspicious. Police tossed a protective bomb blanket over the suspect package, called in the bomb squad, alerted emergency personnel and ordered workers on three floors evacuated before discovering that it was beer. The police officer who took it out of the building said it was chilled and drinkable.

U.S. noncommittal on Amnesty report

WASHINGTON (R) — The State Department said Friday it did not know whether the U.S. embassy in Tehran was being used as an Iranian prison. A report by Amnesty International, the human rights organization, said the embassy was housing Iranian prisoners because Iran's prisons were overcrowded. State Department spokesman John Hughes said Iran, "contrary to international law," had refused to transfer custody of the embassy to the Swiss ambassador in Tehran who was designated to represent U.S. interests. "We therefore have no basis for confirming or denying the Amnesty International report," he said.

U.S. Navy contracts more cargo ships

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. navy has awarded \$716.6 million in contracts to build or charter six private cargo ships to be loaded with military equipment and supplies and stationed near world trouble spots. The contracts would bring to 13 the number of such ships and complete a plan to station vessels overseas to supply U.S. forces which may be deployed quickly to areas of potential crisis. At present, such ships are on station only in the Indian Ocean to support U.S. troops who might be called to South West Asia to respond to any threat to the region.

Turkish diplomat commits suicide

BELGRADE (R) — Turkish Consul-General Ekrem Arkan committed suicide in the southern Yugoslav town of Skopje. police said Friday. Mr. Arkan, a civil servant in the Turkish foreign ministry for almost 30 years, had been under nervous stress and had asked to be transferred home. Turkish diplomats said. He was handing over duty to a new consul-general in Skopje when he killed himself with a pistol. The diplomat said, Skopje is the capital of Macedonia,